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Reckless and visionary stories about the town and its future industries are a detriment rather than a help to the community.

It is believed that Colonel Bryan, Editor Hearst, Tom Watson and Eugene V. Debs will be the recognized leaders of the Democracy in the future. They will certainly be as successful as were the Dave Hills, Bermonds, Sheehans and Tom Taggarts of the recent past.

This is the first annual Thanksgiving this country has had when the people generally were so thankful. Nearly everybody having voted for Roosevelt, of course all are thankful that he was elected, and devoutly so when they reflect that his election means four more years of Republican progress and prosperity.

Dr. T. F. Lanham, Delegate-elect to the Legislature from Taylor county, has announced himself as a candidate for the Speakership. It will be readily admitted by all who know him that he is well equipped for the place. Another Delegate-elect, who wants to be Speaker, is James A. Seaman, an attorney-at-law of Jackson county. We have before mentioned that Fred Paul Grossep, of Kanawha county, aspires to the Speakership. There will no doubt be other entries before the race is run.

England and France as One.
M. Delcasse has won a splendid victory. His treaty with Great Britain has been ratified by the French Chamber of Deputies by an overwhelming majority. That it would be ratified was expected. But probably few, if any, expected its majority would be so large as to actually in some respects more impressive than a unanimous vote would have been. France is proverbially impulsive. She has for centuries regarded England as her traditional foe. She has for some years been exulting in an alliance with Russia as her nearest friend. Yet now by a more than fourth vote her Congress ratifies a treaty of close approach with her own and her friend Russia's traditional foe at the very time when that power and Russia are nearer a clash than they have been before for a score of years. Of a truth, the cause of sweet reasonableness and of peace is making progress among the nations!

Upon the face of it M. Delcasse's triumph appears greatest in some of the specific provisions of the treaty. He has induced the French Deputies to approve the surrender of the French shore of Newfoundland and to approve the British occupation and control of Egypt. We shall not say he is a magician; but it is within bounds to say that a few years back no minister of France could have even proposed either of those measures without incurring grave danger of being turned out of office and of being mobbed in the streets of Paris. Yet M. Delcasse has not only proposed, but has carried them both by an overwhelming majority, and there is reason to believe that on that account he is the more secure in his office and is held in higher popular esteem.

Peace in Panama.

The United States cannot afford to permit revolutions every now and then in Panama, such as take place in many South American countries. The interest of the United States in the canal and transportation across the isthmus require peace and good government in the Panama Republic. That will have to be made known to the people of that country, if not already realized. A forward step has been taken in that direction by President Amador in getting rid of General Huertas as commander of the Panama army. This diminutive officer, commanding a few men, undertook to reorganize the government to suit his ideas of how things should be conducted. But there were too many United States war vessels and marines in that vicinity to permit General Huertas to succeed, and he resigned command of the army, though he still draws his pay. He should be dismissed, as he has shown himself ambitious and unsafe. There is no need for a standing army in Panama. A good police force is sufficient. No nation will attack Panama while it is under the protection of the United States. There will be no field in that country for revolutionary leaders, as they will soon realize if they launch out further in that direction. —Philadelphia Press.

THE CITY'S PRIDE.

The people of Fairmont feel justly proud of our new system of water works. Great credit is due to men who have given much valuable time and thought to the perfection of the enterprise, and we think our citizens do appreciate what has been done along this line. Like every other great undertaking, it has had its ups and downs, the management being severely and unjustly criticised at times, but to-day all our people rejoice in the fact that the city is to own and operate this great public utility. It is no worth much more in dollars and cents than its actual cost, and in time to come will be more and more valuable. It will be a source of revenue to the city, and one of its most valuable assets. We desire in this public way to express our appreciation of the unselfish and untiring energies of the water committee, Messrs. Geo. DeBolt, M. L. Hutchinson and W. S. Haymond. They have earned for themselves the everlasting gratitude of the present and future inhabitants of our city, and this work will stand as an enduring memorial of their achievement.

Yesterday the Wheeling Intelligencer published the complete returns from the late election in this State, according to which Roosevelt's majority is 31,953, while Dawson's is 8,848. The majorities in the five Congressional districts are as follows: For Dovenor, 6,849; Dayton, 2,367; Gaines, 4,034; Woodyard, 4,015; Hughes, 5,995. As the Intelligencer says, these figures are not official, but it is believed that few changes will be made by the formal count at Charleston.

William H. Losch was admitted to practice in our Circuit Court to-day, having located among us within the past few days. He was formerly located in Philadelphia. Mr. Losch is a pleasant gentleman and is well equipped for his profession. He is a graduate of Lafayette College, and of the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania. We welcome him among us and bespeak for him a share of the legal business.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

WELL KNOWN YOUNG MAN HORRIFIED HIS PARENTS AT HIS HOME LAST NIGHT.

A young man living on the South side made a grandstand play at suicide about nine o'clock last night in the presence of his parents. It is said that he has been up against the booze game pretty strong lately and when taken to task by his indulgent parents last night, pulled a long knife and threatened self-destruction. The family was so horror-stricken that he had plenty of time to commit the foul deed before they recovered from their surprise, but for some reason the act was deferred.

A neighbor telephoned for the police and Chief Morgan responded, but by the time he reached the house the boy's mother had secured the knife and the father had scurried after a doctor. This young man at one time traveled in a nice crowd and was very popular, but his drop in the social scale was exceptionally rapid. A few years ago he cast his fortunes with a bunch that was a little too speedy for him and the gambling rooms secured all the money that he earned. It was thought by his friends that he had reformed and for awhile he did do much better, but in the last few days it seems that he cut into the booze again with the above results.

Council Meeting.

A special session of the city council was held again last evening. A few bills were allowed and a piece of land beyond Woodlawn cemetery was decided upon for the purpose of erecting a hospital for contagious diseases. A temporary house will be erected at once for immediate use.

We don't give needles and pins with Marion flower, but guarantee every sack.

C. W. DILLON NEW TAX COMMISSIONER

Of a Number of Aspirants for New Job, He Has the Best Chance.

CHARLESTON, Nov. 23.—The first State tax commissioner of West Virginia will likely be C. W. Dillon, of Fayette county. The choice has narrowed down, it is said, to Mr. Dillon, C. E. Haddock, of Marshall county, and S. C. Smith, of Ohio county, with the chances favoring Dillon. The appointment will be made by Governor White inside of ten days, and the selection of Dillon will reward one of the original tax reformers. Mr. Dillon led the Dawson fight in Fayette, taking a prominent part in the State convention and also on the stump. He is an able lawyer, and a clean, strong man.

The latest Democratic yarn about Governor White going to make members of the Legislature assistant tax commissioners in their several counties is considered the richest piece of campaign aftermath heard, and is an illustration of the vividness of Democratic imaginations. The assistant tax commissioners will be at their work while the legislators are in session, and the story is about as accurate as the other yarns involving the governor for the seats of Senators Scott and Elkins, which he has denied times without mention.

SOCIETY

Ladies' Home Journal Booth.

Something strikingly new and original in the way of before-Christmas Bazaars is promised by the Isabelle Davis Circle of King's Daughters of this city in the near future. In addition to the numerous booths containing useful and inexpensive articles appropriate for Christmas gifts, there will be what is known as the Ladies' Home Journal Booth. This will be the most unique feature of the bazaar, and promises to be the centre of attraction. It is furnished by the Curtis Publishing Company, of Philadelphia, and its warm color tones and its artistic furnishings make it a thing of beauty and a worthy advertisement of those two most popular periodicals, the Ladies' Home Journal and the Saturday Evening Post; and it is here you may leave your subscriptions to either of these magazines and save yourself the trouble of giving the matter your personal attention. They will receive either new subscriptions or renewals.

Subscriptions for the Journal will still be received at the popular price of one dollar a year, though the purchase of single copies at the news stands has been increased from ten to fifteen cents a copy. The Saturday Evening Post is a weekly magazine, selling at five cents a copy, but by leaving your subscription at the booth you will receive the entire fifty-two copies for one dollar and twenty-five cents a year. And by way of suggestion, we may add, there is nothing more appreciated than a year's subscription to a good magazine.

No one can afford to miss seeing the twenty beautiful pictures from the pen of American Artists, such artists as Gibson, Christy and Taylor. These are handsome copies of original drawings, many of which cost hundreds of dollars, but no doubt further notice of this will soon be given to the public.

Fire at Port Arthur.

(By Publishers' Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—An official report to the Japanese legation from Tokio, to-day, says: "The Port Arthur army reports that the buildings near the arsenal caught fire about noon on November 22, owing to the bombardment of our naval guns, and that at 9:40 P. M. they were still burning."

G. Washington Lee, of Gaston avenue, was admitted to the City Hospital this morning to be treated for fever.

COMPLETION OF NEW RESERVOIR

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form a kind of a fountain and be aerated. When the reservoir is full the water will then be only about two feet above the end of the pipe. Besides aeration this is for another purpose. Should something happen to the pump so that the water should run back, it cannot empty the reservoir.

In shape the reservoir is like a Bartlett pear, but somewhat larger. After being filled it is estimated that, should the pumps break, it will hold enough water to supply the city's needs for almost three weeks. The wall around the reservoir is thirty feet wide at the top and three times as wide at the bottom. The wall is constructed of first-class clay and is what is known as puddle bank. It is impervious by water, better than masonry or concrete. The inside is lined with stone one foot thick known as riprap.

The depth of the reservoir is thirty feet; its length at the bottom, 440 feet and at the top, 500 feet; its width at the large end at the bottom, 212 feet and at the top, 292 feet. It will hold more than 18,000,000 gallons of water. There would be plenty of room inside for a good rabbit chase and if the hunter was at one end and the rabbit at the other, the little animal's life would be in no danger whatever. Should a wandering duck see fit to alight in the pond, the hunter would need a boat or stand a fair chance of losing his game.

The water passes from the reservoir through a 12-inch pipe to the aerating fountain which is a most essential feature to pure water. Four valves are arranged so that the water can be taken from different depths in the reservoir. The aerating fountain is 54 feet in diameter and holds 700,000 gallons.

From the fountain the water goes into the filters. They are two in number, each 75 feet square. The water comes in at the bottom and comes up through three feet of clean gravel and sand. The further up the finer the sand until the top is reached. Above this sand is the 12-inch main leading back to the city. This water will be as pure as can be possibly made unless hollering or some such process is resorted to.

The filters are arranged so that the current can be reversed and go down through instead of coming up. In fact, the whole plant is arranged so that the water can be shut off from the different parts. The water can be made to go direct to the aerating fountain without entering the reservoir; it can be forced direct from the river to the filter, or it can be turned back to the city without going into any of the three apartments. This is most valuable in case of a big fire when the reservoir has little water in it. The reverse current in the filter is an excellent provision. All parts are arranged so that they can be emptied in a short time. The filters can be used separately or together. The floor in these is concrete on the natural rock. They are 12 feet deep and will hold more than 1,000,000 gallons.

The plant is 7.75 feet from the present pump station but only a mile from Colfax where purer water could be obtained from the Valley river. Toward this end a pipe has been put in on that side of the reservoir so that a hole will not have to be cut through the wall when a pump station is eventually established there.

The new system will be used as soon as the reservoir is filled. This will take about ten days. There are two pumps at the pump station but one is used for the present city supply from the old tanks. At present the people of the city are using about 1,200,000 gallons of water. The other pump, running day and night, will force about 1,500,000 gallons to the reservoir each day.

The total cost of the entire system is about \$175,000. Of this \$70,000 was spent for new mains throughout the city and to the plant. Though it may seem a large sum, it has not been extravagantly used. In fact it seems wonderful what an amount of work has been done with that sum. The works can easily be sold to-day for half a million dollars—no doubt, more. We don't want to sell it. Soon it will be netting the city \$50,000 a year. It is a good business investment and will, in years to come, be a source of great income.

The plan is to have the next Legislature pass a special act allowing the works to be bonded for about \$200,000. This would pay what is yet due on the new system; would pay all outstanding debts; would take up the old bonds amounting to \$40,000; would establish the pump station at Colfax and put the city in good shape financially to make other needed improvements. This should, and no doubt will be, done. Then it will not be necessary to sell the plant and let the water rents be made higher. The consumption of water is increasing in amount each year and some factories which have been contemplating establishing small stations of their

A FOOLISH PLAN



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own have decided to contract with the city for water.

The city owns 28 acres of land around the plant and a prettier sight for a park cannot be found. A part of the land is wooded and later the underbrush will be cleaned out, the sides of the reservoir walls will be sowed in grass and the spot will be an ideal one in which to spend the day. Some have talked of erecting a pest house here but that would be out of the question. Of all places to keep clean and free from disease germs the city reservoir should come first. A railing should be placed around the reservoir and a walk of gravel or some other material made so that the place will be ornamental as well as useful.

It will be well to keep the present pump station where it is and build a new one at Colfax. Though the present site can be sold for a large sum of money, the time may come when it would be more valuable to the city. No one doubts that the water should be taken from the Valley river and it is the intention to eventually do so. But suppose the pumps should be moved and at some future time the water would get down very low in the river. Then Fairmont would suffer from a water famine as is the case at Clarksburg to-day. If the station were maintained at the present location it could be used in such emergency cases. Here there will always be a supply of water on account of the lock at Houli.

The people have waited a long time for the pure water and are more than glad that the new system is completed. For the past year the water has been practically unfiltered and many a man has come out of the bath more spotted than when he entered. Now this will end and there will be fewer cases of typhoid fever in our midst.

But the new system will not be without its trouble. Many of the old pipes under the city are weak and the heavy pressure from the new reservoir will cause many leaks in them. In fact it will be a year before the system will be in the best condition on account of this. But when all is in good working order we will have a system which cannot be beaten. A valve may break at any time or some such little thing happen but we have all that Fairmont will need for many years—one that will outlive the present generation.

Fitting it is then that our citizens should put aside their work this afternoon and go out to see what we have. Every taxpayer in the city is a stockholder in the concern and is interested in it. The affair this afternoon was strictly informal so that all could examine and admire the wonderful structure. The water was turned on at 2:30 o'clock by Chairman DeBolt, of the water committee, who, with the other members of the committee has been tireless in his efforts, to give the citizens more than double value for their money. As a fitting climax to the whole affair a staff was erected and from it floats the star-spangled banner over a glorious victory of American ingenuity.

Our correspondent on the grounds this afternoon wires us that at 2:35 P. M. Councilman DeBolt turned on the water. Mayor Kinsey, standing on the wall of the reservoir, announced the fact and told the people to "keep their eyes on the indicator." At 2:36½ Mayor Kinsey shouted "There she comes," and the water began to run.

There were between 500 and 600 people present and were shown through the different apartments. All were amazed at the immensity of the affair.

Will See "Wang."

Many W. V. U. students are in the city to-day en route to their various homes to spend the Thanksgiving for the production of "Wang" at the Grand to-night.

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